

To

The Trustees of the CLERGY DAUGHTERS' FUND respectfully ask your attention to the following documents.

No. I. is a letter addressed privately about two years since to a few individuals, setting forth the importance of some provision for the free education of Daughters of Clergymen who are acting, in this Diocese, as Missionaries, or as Ministers in small and feeble parishes.

No. II. is a report of the disposition which had been made of certain funds contributed towards this object.

No. III. is an extract from the last address of the Bishop of the Diocese to the Convention.

No. IV. is the Charter of the Trustees of the *Clergy Daughters' Fund*.

In requesting your kind attention to these papers the Trustees would state that they have been subjected, within the last few weeks, to the necessity of rejecting applications in behalf of three young ladies, two of them orphans, whose friends are without the means of providing properly for their education. Several more would have applied had there been a reasonable prospect of success. It is the intention of the Trustees to use the utmost care in examining the claims and directing the studies and deportment of those confided to their charge; and they will aim at securing for them such a training as will be most likely to render them useful in their respective families, and serviceable to the Church at large.

They earnestly desire to add forthwith to the number of their beneficiaries, and they therefore respectfully solicit a

place for this charity in your prayers and in your liberality. Annual subscriptions or donations can be transmitted to either of the subscribers, or to

J. FRANCIS FISHER, *Treasurer, Chestnut St.*

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I.

LETTER, ETC.

To.....

I venture to call your attention to the following statement. In my visitations through the Diocese, I have found the sons and daughters of many of the Clergy precluded from the advantages of good schools—advantages important to all, but inestimable to those who will be called in after years to rely for support on their own exertions. In some cases there are no seminaries of a high character in their neighbourhood; in others, poverty excludes them even from such.

It has occurred to me that some remedy for this evil might ultimately be found in *scholarships*, founded in our church schools; the founder to nominate the incumbent, and the incumbent to be admitted *gratis*, or at a much reduced rate. In the City of Philadelphia, this plan is in practical operation for the benefit of *boys*, in the Protestant Episcopal Academy, where the sons of Clergymen are taught gratuitously. A similar provision exists also to some extent in the school of Mr. Bolmar, at West Chester, where generous arrangements are made for the purpose. Our great want at present is a corresponding provision for educating the *daughters* of our Clergy. It has occurred to me that this want might be met, at least in some degree, if the facts were stated to a few benevolent individuals who delight to do good as they have opportunity. I am authorized to say that at the Retreat, any daughter of an Episcopal Clergyman, whose father is dependent upon an inadequate salary for support, will be received at \$100 per annum. I presume a similar arrangement might be made at the Female School in West Chester, and also in that at Aston Ridge.

I take the liberty therefore of proposing the subject to the consideration of some of my friends ; and I do it with no little reluctance when I remember how large their charities already are, and the claims upon them how incessant. They will excuse one, however, who finds his heart often pained at the privations of men, who in devoting themselves to the ministry of Christ have been cut off from the ordinary means of providing for the education of their children.

The subscriber will be but too happy to act as Almoner for those who may entrust him with their contributions to this object. He has been authorized by one gentleman to draw upon him annually for the sum of \$50 for this purpose. A few more contributions of like amount would enable him to educate most of the young ladies in the Diocese, who are in the circumstances contemplated by this note, and who are likely to avail themselves of the opportunity. One, the daughter of a distant Clergyman whose whole annual income is but \$300, is already in the Retreat ; and the subscriber would feel inexpressible pleasure in being able to announce that others could share the same privileges. He would add that the contribution of any annual sum, however small, will be gratefully received, though that he trusts that no one will feel *obliged* to be a contributor because appealed to in this way. The subscriber recognizes the right of every one to be his own Almoner, and to select the objects on which his bounty shall be bestowed ; and he therefore desires to leave the subject to the unbiassed judgment of the few friends to whom this note is addressed, only asking that he may be forgiven if his zeal for an object which seems to him very important, shall have carried him out of his proper province.

Most respectfully,

A. POTTER.

November 8th, 1847.

II.

REPORT.

The subscriber took the liberty a year since of applying privately to a few friends for assistance in educating the daughters of Clergymen whose salaries were inadequate to that object.

His application having been most kindly received by some of those to whom it was sent, he deems it proper to report to them the sums received for the current year, and the disposition made of them.

The Receipts from Annual Subscribers have been as follows, viz.

From Dr. Mütter,	-	-	\$50 00
Mrs. H. P. McKean,	-	-	50 00
Hon. J. R. Ingersoll,	-	-	50 00
T. Wagner, Esq.,	-	-	50 00
Young Ladies Bible Class of St. Philip's Church, by Mrs. G. J. Wharton,			75 00
Mrs. Bloodgood,	-	-	25 00
I. H. Schœnberger, Esq.,	-	-	100 00
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			\$400 00

The Donations have been as follows—

From Mrs. Stott,	-	-	\$300 00
Geo. Hogg, Esq.,	-	-	100 00
Mrs. Dundas,	-	-	50 00
Miss Evans,	-	-	10 00
Mrs. B. Stiles,	-	-	50 00
Mrs. Gumbs,	-	-	20 00
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			\$530 00

The current expenditure is about \$800 per annum, for *eight young ladies*, (Board and Tuition,) viz., *five* at the Retreat, *two* at the Episcopal Female Academy, West Chester, and *one* at Aston Ridge.

It will be perceived that the sum contributed by *annual subscribers* equals but half the annual expense incurred in maintaining the present number of pupils. The subscriber hopes however that through further *donations*, and an increase of the number of *annual subscribers*, he may be able to sustain the enterprize at the point now reached, and if possible to extend its benefits to an increased number.

Most respectfully,

A. POTTER.

December 6th, 1848.

III.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAST ANNUAL ADDRESS.*

In my last address I stated that some efforts had been made to provide *free scholarships*, at the different schools which I then noticed, for the sons and daughters of the Clergy in this diocese. I called attention especially to the importance of creating permanent scholarships for the *daughters* of such pastors as receive small salaries and live where good schools are not yet established. Through the temporary contributions of a few benevolent individuals, nine young ladies have been placed at boarding schools, besides those who are received as free day scholars at the Female Institute in Philadelphia. I am now able to state that the foundation of a *permanent fund* for this purpose has been laid. The late Mrs. Stott of this city, who died in the month of June last, full of years, rich in faith and good works, and loaded with the blessings of multitudes who had tasted her bounty, or

* Delivered May, 1849.

who had seen the daily beauty of her life,—manifested a special interest in this charity. In addition to previous contributions, made a few months before her death, sufficient to support three scholars for one year, she bequeathed four thousand dollars to it in one of the last codicils to her will, and an association has been formed under the title of “the Trustees of the Clergy Daughters’ Fund,” and a charter secured according to law. To the charge of these trustees all funds devoted to this purpose will be committed. I cannot but hope that so blessed an example as Mrs. Stott’s may be followed, in this and in other charities, by those who would leave behind them a memorial to gladden many hearts, and to be the means of incalculable good to the Church and her children.*

* The validity of this Will has been contested, and is now under the consideration of the Courts.

CONSTITUTION
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF THE CLERGY DAUGHTERS' FUND.

Whereas, We the undersigned Citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have agreed to associate ourselves for the purposes set forth in the following Articles, and are desirous of acquiring and enjoying the powers and immunities of a Corporation, or body politic in law, for the furtherance of the said purposes—Now therefore, We do hereby associate ourselves for the objects, and under the Articles, conditions, and name, specified in the following instrument.

ARTICLE I.

This association shall be known by the name of "The Trustees of the Clergy Daughters' Fund."

ARTICLE II.

Its object shall be the Education of the Daughters of Clergymen of the Protestant Episcopal Church, living or deceased, who have not adequate means to provide the advantages of a superior school training. Its aim shall be the raising up of pious, well educated females, who shall be useful to the Church through their families, and as teachers, governesses, &c., &c.

ARTICLE III.

The Association shall consist of the Bishop, for the time being, of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, he being a citizen of the said State, and, if there be no Bishop, then of the President, for the time being, of the Standing Committee of that Diocese, and of seven other Trustees, the present associators and their successors.

ARTICLE IV.

Vacancies in the Trustees, occasioned by the death, resignation, or otherwise, of any of the Trustees, other than the Bishop, shall be filled by the Standing Committee of the said diocese, from a list of three persons, to be presented to them by the remaining members of the Board, whenever such vacancy may occur.

ARTICLE V.

An Annual Report of the proceedings of the Board shall be made to the Convention of the Diocese, and the Convention shall have power to recommend to the Trustees alterations in their Constitution or course of proceeding.

ARTICLE VI.

The Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the said Diocese, for the time being, or, if there be no Bishop, the President of the Standing Committee of the said Diocese shall designate suitable persons as incumbents of the said scholarships—Provided, however, that contributors, whether individuals, or associations of individuals, or congregations, who shall contribute a sum not less than one hundred dollars per annum, shall have the right of designating the incumbent of the scholarships created by them, during the continuance of such annual contribution; and that testators who bequeath to the Association a capital sum, which yields an annual income of one hundred dollars, or more, shall have the right of designating in whom the power of filling the scholarships thus founded, shall vest;—And provided further, that the individuals thus nominated by contributors, or under the authority of testators, shall, before they are admitted to the scholarships, be examined and approved by a person or persons, designated by the Bishop for the time being, of the said Diocese, or, if there be no Bishop, by the President of the Standing Committee.

ARTICLE VII.

All incumbents of scholarships shall be liable to be removed from the school at which they may be placed, like other pupils, on the ground of incompetency, idleness, or improper conduct, persisted in after due trial. No pupil shall be dismissed until the case has been reported to the said Bishop, or, if there is no Bishop, to the President of the Standing Committee of the said Diocese.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Trustees shall appoint a Secretary, Treasurer, and such other officers as the business of the Association may require. The Secretary, Treasurer, and one other Trustee, to be appointed by the Trustees, shall be a Finance Committee, who shall receive and invest donations, legacies, &c., disburse moneys, act on nominations which the said Bishop may make to scholarships, and generally discharge, with the Bishop, the duties of an Executive Committee. They may meet at any time at the call of the said Bishop, or of the Secretary, and may designate the schools at which pupils shall be placed.

ARTICLE IX.

There shall be two funds, one called the Permanent Fund, which shall be invested, and the proceeds only be applied to the objects of the Association: the other, called the Fund for Current Expenses. Contributors shall have power to designate to which of these funds their contributions shall be applied, and in the absence of such designation, the Trustees, in their discretion, shall direct the application.

ARTICLE X.

Among the applicants, the daughters of the Clergy of the Diocese, in which the City of Philadelphia is situated, shall always have a preference.

ARTICLE XI.

No part of the funds of the Association shall ever be applied to the erection or purchase of buildings to be used for school purposes.

ARTICLE XII.

The Stated Meetings of the Board shall be held annually, on Easter Monday, at such time and place as may be designated by the Secretary; and special meetings may at any time be called by the Bishop, or any three of the Trustees. A majority of the existing Trustees of the Association, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

(Signed,)

ALONZO POTTER,
THOS. D. MÜTTER,
GEO. W. ASPINWALL,
I. HAZLEHURST,

WM. R. LEJEE,
J. FRANCIS FISHER,
JOHN C. CRESSON,
PETER McCALL.

I CERTIFY, That I have perused and examined the within Articles of Association and Constitution of "The Trustees of the Clergy Daughters' Fund," and am of opinion that the objects, articles, and conditions therein set forth and contained, are lawful. Witness my hand this fifth day of March, anno domini, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

(Signed,)

C. DARRAGH,
Attorney General of Pennsylvania.

WE THE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, *certify*, That we have perused and examined the within instrument, and concur with the Attorney General, that the objects, articles, and conditions therein set

forth and contained, are lawful. Witness our hands at Philadelphia, this twenty-eighth day of April, anno domini, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

(Signed,)

JOHN B. GIBSON,
MORTON C. ROGERS,
THOS. S. BELL.

PENNSYLVANIA, }
Eastern District. } ss.

I, J. S. COHEN, PROTHONOTARY OF THE SUPREME COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, *do certify*, That the within Constitution of "The Trustees of the Clergy Daughters' Fund," was presented, agreeably to Rule of Court, and by the Judges of said Court approved and allowed as therein set forth and contained. Witness my hand, and the seal of the said Court at Philadelphia, this twenty-eighth day of April, A. D. eighteen hundred and forty-nine.

(Signed,)

J. SIMON COHEN,
Prothonotary.

THE FORM OF A BEQUEST.

MONEY LEGACY.

I give and bequeath unto the TRUSTEES OF THE CLERGY DAUGHTERS' FUND of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the sum of _____ to be paid to the Treasurer for the time being, for the use of the said Association.

DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I give and devise unto the TRUSTEES OF THE CLERGY DAUGHTERS' FUND of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, (here describe the property or ground rent,) together with the appurtenances in fee simple.